GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Funding for Extremists
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of funding for the extremist forces in the country;

(b) whether instances of funding through illegal mining activities has been reported/detected;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to curb the source of funding to the extremist outfits in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c): The main source of funds for the extremists forces, especially the Maoists include extortion from tendu patta contractors, infrastructure/development work contractors, businessmen, corporate houses, etc. In addition, they rob banks and public / private property to augment their finances. The Left Wing Extremists groups, particularly the CPI (Maoist), extort considerable 'levy' from various illegal mining mafia groups in the naxal-affected states. Though, an exact quantification of their finances is not possible, it has been assessed in a study conducted by the institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Delhi, that the CPI (Maoist) party has been collecting not less than Rs. 140 crores annually from a variety of sources.

(d): The existing provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) comprehensively covers various facets of both terrorist funding and benefits from proceeds of terrorism. The UAPA

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empowers both the Union Government and the State Government agencies to take action wherever specific cases come to light. The UAPA has been amended in 2013 to strengthen it further to combat terrorism in all its manifestations including financing of terrorism.

To address the multi-dimensional aspects of illegal inflow of funds for terrorist/ extremist activities, several agencies such as RBI, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Security and Intelligence agencies of the Centre and States etc. are working in tandem to have effective checks. Further, based on the experience gained and gaps indentified, the Government continuously upgrades the capabilities of the Central Intelligence and Investigation Agencies to effectively deal with the threat.

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